

The Republican national committee has decided, by a vote of 25 to 24, that the Republican national convention shall be held in Philadelphia, June 19th, 1900.

The House of Representatives passed the currency bill Monday by a vote of 190 to 150. Eleven Democrats, eight from New York and one each from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Massachusetts, voted for the bill.

It looks like the irony of fate that just at the time the money of final redemption of the country was being cut down some hundreds of millions of dollars, so far as could be done by one house of Congress, the money changers of Wall Street should be caught short and many of them forced to the wall.

One reason why the common people of this country are losing confidence in their government is the difference in the treatment they get and that bestowed upon the gamblers and money changers of Wall Street.

Russell Pays Lawyers Big Fees. Col. Old's Raleigh Correspondence. There is quite an outcry at the heavy attorney's fees which Governor Russell is paying—\$10,000 this year.

Pritchard's Plot. Wilmington Messenger. The Brownlowite from Tennessee who misrepresents the white race of North Carolina in the United States senate, thinks he can defeat the bill of the white race, which he so ignorantly denounces in North Carolina.

LEUT. GILLMORE FREE. Reported Release of the American Prisoners. Manila, Dec. 19.—It is officially announced that Gen. Young reports that he believes the American prisoners, including Lieut. Gillmore, are now in the hands of the United States troops.

How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Robbed the Grave. A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain contending all living."

For Sale. A good organ. Will be sold cheap. Apply to Rev. P. HOLMES.

GEN. LAWTON KILLED.

HE FELL AT THE FRONT.

A Target for Sharpshooters, He Dugger—The Next Moment He Fell Dead Into the Arms of a Staff Officer—He Had Just Completed a Wild Night's Ride Through a Pathless Country and Begun the Attack on San Mateo, a Strongly Defended Town.

Manila, Dec. 19.—Major General Lawton has been shot and killed, at San Mateo. He was standing in front of his troops, was shot in the breast and died immediately.

General Lawton left here Monday night, having returned from his northern operations Saturday to lead an expedition through Mariguina Valley, which has been an insurgent stronghold throughout the season.

The sharpshooters directed several close shots, which clipped the grass near. His staff officers called General Lawton's attention to the danger he was in, but only laughed with his usual contempt for bullets.

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BULLER DEFEATED.

He Attacks the Boers in Force at Colenso and is Hurled Back—Tries to Cross the River But Loses Eleven Cannon and Abandons Attempt.

Lieut. Gen. Sir Redvers Buller, commanding about 30,000 men, constituting the main British Army in South Africa, was defeated Friday in a battle with the Boers at Colenso, Natal.

He attacked the Boers with a view of forcing his way to the relief of the British garrison of about 8,500 men, under Maj. Gen. Sir George Stewart White, who are besieged at Ladysmith.

The attack, according to Gen. Buller's own account, was a "serious reverse." He withdrew his troops to Chevelly six miles south of Colenso.

The size of the Boer army is not accurately known, but has been estimated at 30,000 men—the same as the British. Gen. Buller planned the defenses at and near Colenso, but the dispatches do not say who led the victorious troops in the battle.

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MONEY 156 PER CENT.

A Day of Excitement in New York Stock Market.

New York, Dec. 18.—This was a day of disturbance at all financial centres, domestic and foreign.

The tightness of money in all markets was acutely felt, large failures were announced and security values melted under the strain of forced liquidation to an extent that hardly seemed credible a few weeks ago.

The Secretary of the Treasury announced at the close of business that he would increase the funds in depository banks, now existing, and would designate new depository banks, which may apply and qualify themselves by deposit of United States bonds, as the law requires.

There will be preaching at Poplar Hill next Sunday. People are through work, have killed their fat hogs and are now ready to enjoy the holidays.

Methodists and Baptists. Raleigh News and Observer. The Biblical Recorder this week quotes Rev. J. E. White as saying that during the past year the Baptists in North Carolina have raised \$56,517-15 for missions.

Contest in Kentucky. Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 14.—Members of the Democratic State Committee, in executive session, representing seventy counties decided by unanimous vote that contests for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor should be made, and appointed a committee to draft resolutions calling upon the candidates for these offices to make a fight.

You Can't Dodge Them. Did you ever try to dodge the rain-drops? Did not succeed very well, did you? It's just as useless to try to escape from the germs of consumption.

Blum's Farmer and Planter's Almanac. If you are a farmer you cannot afford to be without one. Price 10 cents.

Scott's Emulsion. of Cod-Liver Oil with Hypophosphites at once. It will heal the inflamed membranes and greatly strengthen them as well. The digestion becomes stronger, the appetite better and the weight increases.

MURDERED AND BURNED.

George Taylor, a Respected Citizen of Eastern North Carolina, Killed and His Baby Buried in His House.

Norfolk, Dec. 19.—Near the village of Oakley, N. C., on the Washington branch of the Atlantic Coast Line, Saturday night was enacted a tragedy that equals in horror, if not in ferocity, the one which occurred some months ago in another part of Pitt county at Tarboro.

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News From Shady Grove.

As I have not seen any thing from Shady Grove in some time I will write you a few items.

The public school taught by Mrs. E. J. DeBerry at the academy here will soon close.

Messrs. A. D. Liles and Thos. Diggs are building a flat at the old Diggs' ferry. They intend keeping a public ferry, which will be a great convenience to people going to Rockingham and lower Richmond.

There will be an entertainment at Shady Grove church on Wednesday night, Dec. 27th, consisting of music, drills, tableaux, etc. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the church.

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To the readers of the Messenger and Intelligencer: We make our autumn bow and express to you our appreciation of your patronage for the past season, and desire to say that we are better prepared this season to serve you. Our store is full of nice up-to-date and right priced goods.

Dress Goods in Great Varieties.

We think we have the largest and best selected line of Black Dress Goods ever brought to this market. Don't fail to see them. No trouble to show goods in our store. Broad Cloth, Vanetian, Cloth Suiting, Crepon, English Homespun, French Flannels, Serges, Henrietta and many other styles and novelties in dress fabrics only to see to be admired.

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They are small wares kept in all dry goods stores--needles, pins, hair pins, thimbles, buttons, combs, belts, collars, gloves, handkerchiefs, ties, hose and everything you want in the small way. CAPES AND JACKETS--We have them, too; bought them from the manufacturer. No middle man profit. Our prices are wonderfully low.

UNDERWEAR.

When you want anything in this line come over and look through. Can please the children, the ladies and the men. From 10c. to \$2.50. SHOES! SHOES! SHOES!

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Sale of Land by Commissioner.

By virtue of the power conferred upon me by a decree of the Superior Court for Anson county made by the Clerk in a special proceeding before the Hon. Judge William Gullledge, adm'r of W. T. Gullledge, dec'd, vs. Emma Gullledge, et als., upon a petition for the sale of lands to make satisfaction to said dec'd, I will sell at public auction at the Court house door in Wadesboro, N. C., on Monday the 1st day of Jan., 1900, at 12 m., a two-thirds interest in a certain tract of land in the third township adjoining the lands of the late David Huxley and others, and known as the Terry Gaddy tract. The whole tract contains 318 acres, more or less. For a description of said land reference is made to Deed Book No. 32, at pages 1, &c. The terms of the sale will be cash. The sale will be made subject to the confirmation of the said Superior Court. This is the 6th day of Dec., 1899. H. H. McLENDON, Commissioner.

Did you ever See a Snow Storm in Summer?

We never did; but we have seen the clothing at this time of the year so covered with dandruff that it looked as if it had been out in a regular snow storm. No need of this snow storm. As the summer sun would melt the falling snow so will Ayer's Hair Vigor.

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Did you ever try to dodge the rain-drops? Did not succeed very well, did you? It's just as useless to try to escape from the germs of consumption. You can't do it. They are about us on every hand and we are constantly taking them into our lungs. Then why don't we all have this disease? Simply because these germs cannot gain a foothold in a strong throat and lungs. It's when these are weak that the germs master. The body must be well supplied with fat. The danger comes when the blood is poor and the body is thin. If your throat does not yield, and your throat and lungs feel raw and sore, you should not delay another day. Take Scott's Emulsion. It's this nourishing, sustaining and strengthening power of SCOTT'S EMULSION that has made it of such value in all wasting and exhausting diseases.